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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 72/66, the General Assembly took note of the annual report of the Disarmament Commission (A/72/42), commended the Commission for the successful conclusion of its consideration of the item entitled "Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional weapons" and endorsed the consensus text adopted thereon, and requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament (A/72/27), together with all the official records of the seventy-second session of the Assembly relating to disarmament matters.

2. In its resolution 72/56, the General Assembly encouraged Member States, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities, with a view to promoting the practical implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures, to hold regular discussions in the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament on the prospects for their implementation.

3. In its resolution 72/50, the General Assembly encouraged the establishment of further nuclear-weapon-free zones, where appropriate, on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at by the States of the region concerned and in accordance with the 1999 guidelines of the Disarmament Commission, and recognized that, by signing and ratifying relevant protocols that contain negative security assurances, nuclear-weapon States would undertake individual legally binding commitments with respect to the status of such zones and not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against States that are party to such treaties.

4. In its resolution 72/33, the General Assembly reaffirmed the ways and means regarding confidence- and security-building measures set out in the report of the Disarmament Commission on its 1993 session.

5. In its resolution 71/258, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide the support necessary to convene the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination, and to transmit the report of the conference to the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission and to the United Nations high-

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level international conference on nuclear disarmament foreseen in paragraph 6 of resolution 68/32.

6. Pursuant to those requests, the relevant documentation is listed below:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament on its 2017 session (A/72/27);

(b) Verbatim records of the plenary meetings of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session regarding the general debate on and consideration of disarmament matters (A/72/PV.62 and A/72/PV.76);

(c) Verbatim records of the meetings of the First Committee at the seventy-second session of the Assembly regarding disarmament matters (A/C.1/72/PV.1-28);

(d) Reports of the First Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session on the consideration of the disarmament items on the agenda (A/72/399 to A/72/416, A/72/478 and A/72/483), also containing, where applicable, lists of documents submitted in connection with those items;

(e) Report of the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination (A/72/206);

(f) Report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities (A/68/189).

All the documents listed above have already been circulated.